

Film Distributed To Agawam High and Junior High Schools

The Screen News Digest, an award-winning educational motion picture series distributed each month by Western Mass. Electric Co., now is being seen by approximately 15,000 students in 70 Western Massachusetts schools, according to Charles R. Dunklee, the company's community relations coordinator.

Mr. Dunklee said Western Mass. Electric has increased the number of prints of the film so that the Screen News Digest may receive greater student circulation. He described the Screen News Digest as "an educational motion picture series which records in depth and detail history as it happens."

Western Mass. Electric Co. is one of 150 American corporations and companies sponsoring The Screen News Digest, and it is estimated that more than five million students in 15,000 junior and senior high schools "are watching history come alive in their classrooms during this school year." Stories are carefully selected on the basis of historical importance and educational significance by a staff skilled in news analysis and trained in editorial objectivity. The documentaries are made available by Western Mass. Electric Co. without charge.

The current issue of The Screen News Digest, in a unique and timely film report, takes viewers on an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour of the vast new launch complex that will send American astronauts to the moon. The spaceport will be used in the Project Apollo flights that are designed to achieve a manned lunar landing before the end of the 1960's.

In its full-length documentary, The Screen News Digest visits Launch Complex 39, a radical departure in design and construction from the launch facilities used in Projects Mercury and Gemini. At Launch Complex 39, the various stages of the Apollo-Saturn rocket are assembled and checked in an upright position in a huge vertical assembly building, called the largest building in area in the world. It sprawls across eight acres and rises at one point to 525 feet in the sky.

Perhaps the most unusual facility photographed by The Screen News Digest camera crews is the mammoth mobile launcher, a giant movable platform with a two-story high steel base, covering more than half an acre and weighing more than 2.5 million pounds.

The ability of this mobile launcher to transport the Apollo-Saturn to launch-ready position at the firing pad is the key to the revolutionary new concept of the spaceport.

"The important aspect of this particular film," Mr. Dunklee said, "is that when launch day comes, students will have a clear and complete understanding of the wonders and workings of America's first spaceport."

The Screen News Digest film will be distributed to Mr. Roland H. Pressey, Director of Audio-Visual Aids, Agawam High School and Mr. Thomas Collins, Audio-Visual Director, Agawam Junior High School.

DeFORGE ACCEPTS AWARD FOR P.O. EMPLOYEES

Donald J. Dowd, Assistant to the Regional Director of the Boston Postal Region, recently presented Postmaster Robert R. DeForge with an award given to the employees of the Agawam Post Office for patriotic service in support of the United States Savings Bond Program.

The award was signed by Secretary of the Treasury Henry H. Fowler. The Agawam Post Office received the award for 100% participation in the U. S. Savings Bond Program which was conducted throughout all post offices in the country.

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Michael Connolly

Dorothea Major



Ronald Kozlowski

William Barker

Agawam High To Present Hammerstein's "Oklahoma"

Agawam High will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma" in March with a large number of students assigned to roles in the record-breaking musical. Many faculty members will be serving as veteran directors for the musical: Darcy Davis, in his 11th year as general director and producer; Miss Geraldine Schilling, for the 8th year; Mr. Louis Bale, on sets for the 5th year; Mrs. Sarah Peavey, as dramatic director for the 3rd year; Mrs. Mary Wuesthoff and Mr. Raymond Suzor for their

3rd show on chorale and orchestra departments.

Students will take the roles of Laurey; Glenn Toczko as Curly; Garma Meyer and Janice Bryan as Ado Annie; Donald Bragg and Gregory Orr as Will Parker; and the students shown.

Dorothea Major and Michael Connolly will take the roles of Aunt Eller and Ali Hakim. Ronald Kozlowski and William Barker will play the role of Jud on different nights. Also taking leading parts are Ralph Johnson and Julie James (not shown), who are cast as Eller and Ali on a different night.

Dorothea was seen last year as one of the ladies of River City in "Music Man", with previous experience in the stage chorus of past musicals. She is also a member of the AHS Chorale with selection to District Chorus for several years and a

member of the Agawam High Band.

Michael took part in "Music Man" as one of the salesmen in the opening scene and also is a member of the AHS Band.

Ronald is in his first major dramatic role but has been involved in musical activity with the AHS Band.

William was seen in a leading role last year as Marcellus in the Agawam High production of "Music Man" and has been active in the Class Play Contest for the last two years with nomination for special award in this activity.

JEWELER TO SPEAK AT FEEDING HILLS CLUB

The Feeding Hills Community Women's Club will meet February 1st at 8 p.m. in Grange Hall on North West Street.

Mr. Ernest H. Wiburg, whose subject "You, Through the Jeweler's Eye Loupe," will entertain members following the business meeting. Mr. Wiburg, of Landen and True, Inc. Jewelers, began in retail jewelry business in 1930 in Holyoke for A.J. Rand Company and Cheney and Hunt, Inc., and was employed by True Brothers.

He is an associate of the American Gem Society, past co-chairman of State Officers Committee, Joint Civic Agency, and a member of the Merchant's Bureau, was recently retired after four years as president of The Better Business Bureau of Western Mass., a member of the Executive Board of that Bureau and is currently program chairman of Springfield Rotary Club.

His talk is on the related personalities of people and characteristics of gem stones.

Each member is reminded to bring the Parcel Post Package, which was mailed to them from out of the state and brought unopened, to be auctioned to club members at the February meeting to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

A social hour will follow the program with refreshments served by hostesses Mrs. Hollis Kane, chairman; Mrs. Harriet King, Mrs. Kenneth Gardner, Mrs. James Bava and Mrs. Wayne Smith.

AGAWAM UNICO SCHOLARSHIP PLANS

The Agawam chapter of UNICO National announces that this year they will give \$750.00 in scholarship grants. This amount, along with an undetermined figure which is annually donated by the Paganì Caterers of Manchester, Conn., could reach to a total of \$1100.00.

The Chapter has each year increased its number and amount of grants. Joseph Ferrari, chairman of the scholarship committee, announces that applications are now available in the guidance director's office at Agawam High School.

Each year UNICO National headquarters presents a full \$2,000.00 scholarship award to a student from one of its chapters throughout the U. S. The applications for this competitive scholarship award are also available in the guidance director's office at Agawam High School.

The student selected from Agawam High School will be screened from many applicants by the local UNICO Chapter Scholarship Committee. Those seeking these awards must be a resident of Agawam, be of Italian origin, and going into some form of higher education, whether it be college, university, technical school, nursing school, business school, etc.

In making the awards the committee takes into consideration financial need, scholastic achievement, and extracurricular activities. Any student living in Agawam but attending school elsewhere is eligible for a scholarship. Applications may be obtained from Mr. Joseph Ferrari or any member of the committee. Members are: Agostino Bartolucci, Paul D'Amato, Albert Christopher, Francis Rosso, Santo Cannarella, Joseph Della Guistina, Julio Alvingini, Alfred Cascella.

Applications for Local Chapter Awards must be turned in by April 15th. Applications for the National Awards must be turned in by April 15 to the National Committee.

FLOWER SHOW CUSTOMS TO BE MAINTAINED

Much of the success of the Connecticut Valley Flower Show through the years has been the fact that customs, instituted 18 years ago, are still in practice.

Albert Appleman, general manager of the Flower Show sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Horticultural Society, announced that two customs which are most popular will be continued during the 18th edition of the show Feb. 22 to 28 in the Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition grounds, West Springfield.

They are:

1. Members of the clergy will be admitted throughout the entire show, free of charge; and
2. Golden Age Club members will be the special guests of the sponsoring Society Wednesday morning, February 23 to noon.

Mr. Appleman noted that it is a fascinating sight to see so many men attending the show in groups. He expects many of them will be there opening day, Washington's Birthday, since it is a holiday.

Each year several hundred Golden Agers attend the Flower Show at the special time, when the Better Living Center is not open to the general public. This gives them an opportunity to view each exhibit at their leisure and to question the landscape architects, florists and members of the Connecticut Valley Horticultural Society who make themselves available to the Senior Citizens.

Mr. Appleman said that Golden Age Club officers can obtain additional information about the special hours by contacting him at the Flower Show, Post Office Box 1275, Springfield, Mass., 01101.

AMAZING VERSATILITY OF BOTTLED GAS

Leading Western Massachusetts bottled gas dealers have organized informally to explore the effectiveness of combining in a joint public education program. Mrs. C.J. Langone was named temporary secretary of the group. Mr. Langone is supervisor of the Springfield Gas Light Company's bottled gas division (Spring-GAS). As temporary secretary, he will coordinate the activities of the group until a steering committee can be elected.

"With an estimated 85 or 90 dealers selling liquid propane in Western Massachusetts, we have an opportunity to form a cooperative organization that can effectively tell the story of the amazing versatility of LP gas," Mr. Langone asserted. "People should be informed of its superior qualities for cooking, air-conditioning, incinerating, clothes, drying and a host of other domestic and industrial uses," he said.

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Mr. Langone spoke further on some of the advantages offered when a comparatively large supply of gas is stored in compact cylinders, pointing to the fact that meals are cooked in railroad dining cars with LP gas, while the familiar "bottles" are seen on every mobile home. Farmers have found that LP bulk tanks provide safe fuel storage for tractors and other LP operated equipment. Construction companies are able to heat work areas during cold weather with salamanders fueled by portable LP cylinders that can easily be moved from job to job.

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The "Winter Festival" sponsored by the Scholarship Committee of St. Anthony's Society and Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, January 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hall, 646 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. This affair features a smorgasbord and dance.

The Scholarship Committee in charge of the affair is: Chairman Aldo Lombardi, who is also in charge of tickets; co-chairman Rose Balvish, in charge of food; Fedora Abert, Carolyn Gregory and Paul Bonfitto. Music is in charge of Louis Moccio. Prizes are in charge of Frank Rescigno; decorations, Paul D'Amato.

Other members are John Gregory, Nicholas Buoniconti and Jack Chriscola.

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| 6. St. Anselm | 24-1/2 | 22751 | |
| 7. Villanova | 24 | 23012 | |
| 8. Georgetown | 24 | 22720 | |
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| 10. Loyola | 22 | 22429 | |
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| 12. Notre Dame | 16-1/2 | 22561 | |

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MEN**CLASS AA**

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| 1. Morassi | 111.1 |
| Gibson | 108.2 |
| Bellame | 103.35 |
| Borgatti, G. | 100.44 |
| Rheault | 100.16 |

CLASS A

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| 1. Colson | 105.33 |
| Mercadante, Rol. | 101.19 |
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| Vergnani | 98.38 |
| Cascella | 97.46 |

CLASS B

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| 1. Liucci | 100.2 |
| Draghetti | 98.44 |
| Zerra | 97.42 |
| Gallerani, E. | 96.34 |
| Balboni | 96.14 |
| Gatti, L. | 96.3 |
| Cebrelli | 95.47 |
| Gatti, F. | 95.23 |
| Gallerani, L. | 94.29 |
| Bouchard | 93.32 |
| Besette | 93.14 |
| Robelli | 93.8 |
| Bilesimo | 92.49 |

CLASS C

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| 1. Shewchuck | 93.20 |
| Shugda | 93.14 |
| Ferrari | 90.50 |
| Provost | 90.40 |
| Reed | 87.11 |

WOMEN**CLASS AA**

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| 1. Grabowski | 91.17 |
| Colli | 91.15 |
| Christopher | 89.45 |
| Depalo | 89.15 |

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| 1. Coughlin | 90.32 |
| Borgatti, J. | 88.35 |
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| Lango | 86.45 |
| Camerlin | 86.10 |
| Gibson | 85.25 |
| Vergnani | 84.24 |
| Bouley | 84.17 |
| Montagna, I. | 84.10 |
| Shewchuck | 83.38 |

CLASS B

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| 1. Draghetti | 85.9 |
| Dubia | 84.6 |
| Mercadante, R. | 84.1 |
| Raffinetti | 83.36 |
| Scherpa | 83.25 |
| Provost | 82.33 |
| Kennedy | 82.22 |
| Mercadante, K. | 81.39 |
| Montagna, J. | 81.18 |
| Balboni | 80.36 |
| Barbieri, S. | 79.42 |

CLASS C

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| 1. Dupre | 81.50 |
| Morassi | 80.49 |
| Fois | 80.19 |
| Letellier | 80.17 |
| Carulli | 78.40 |
| Reed | 76.16 |
| Barbieri, P. | 72.40 |

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| Gallerani, L. | 105 |
| Zerra | 101 |

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| Gatti, F. | 116-103 | 310 |
| DeMatos | 109 | |

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| Gallerani, E. | 103 | |
| Mercadante, R. | 100-108 | |
| Bouchard | 105 | |
| Mercadante, L. | 118-110 | 322 |

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| Provost | 104 | |
| Morassi | 100-136 | 329 |
| Rheault | 101 | |

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| Gibson | 101-130 | 328 |
| Shewchuck | 110 | |
| Liucci | 108-127 | 321 |
| Bellame | 104 | |

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| Cascella | 112-122 | 333 |
| Balboni | 107 | |
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HONOLULU -- Chief Master Sergeant Henry B. Palmer (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Palmer of Farnum Road, Lakeville, Conn., receives the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Major General C.G. Chandler, deputy chief of staff for materiel, Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, makes the presentation.

HONOLULU -- Chief Master Sergeant Henry B. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Palmer of Farnum Road, Lakeville, Connecticut, has been decorated with his second award of the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

Sergeant Palmer was awarded

the medal for meritorious service as a supply superintendent at Westover AFB, Mass. He was cited for his professional knowledge, leadership and initiative.

He is now at Hickam as a member of the Pacific Air Forces, the nation's combat-ready air arm guarding the 10,000 mile Bamboo Curtain.

The sergeant served in the European and Pacific Theaters of Operations during World War II. He is also a veteran of the Korean War.

A 1943 graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, Conn., he is married to the former Shiela A. Desmond, daughter of Stanley Desmond of 88 South Street, Agawam.

**THEATRE PARTY PLANNED
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On Thursday, February 23, a Theater Party will be held at the Cinema by the 4-H Service Club of Hampden County. The proceeds of the movie "Hawaii" will help support the anticipated 4-H Exchange Trip to Canada. Tickets and information may be obtained by calling Nicholas Demko, chairman; Elizabeth Crouss, Michael Demko, Carol Nieroda, Steven Swiconek, or Charlene Tyler, all 4-H Service Club members of Agawam. Tickets should be purchased before February 1st.

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MON: juice, grill, hamb. on but, roll, rel. & cat., onion sl, whole ker, corn, white cake w/ fudge sauce. TUES: juice, pizza w/ch, & tom, sauce, toss, sal, pean, but, cook, pears. WED: juice, bkd, link saus., pars, pot., but, car., jello w/whip, top, b&b. THURS: juice, meat rav, w/meat & tom, sauce, but, gr. bns., pean, but, sand, ap. sauce. FRI: tuna nood, cass., pot, chips, peas, Fr. b&b, strawb, short cake w/ whip, topping.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON: chick, nood, soup w/veg., minced ham sand., pot, chips, cheese cube, tanger. TUES: ham, w/br, grav., whip, pot., but, leaf spin., pean, but, & jelly sand., prune spice cake w/but, icing. WED: bkd, bns., grill, frank., cole slaw, hot corn br., apricots. THURS: saucy meat loaf w/saucy top, hash, br. pot., but, wax bns., b&b, rais, cupcakes. FRI: spag. w/ch, & tom, sauce, but, peas & car., cheese or pean, but, sand., ice cream cone.

DANAHOY SCHOOL

MON: mash, pot., hamb, grav., but, broc., b&b, cake sq. TUES: chick, rice soup w/veg., bolog, sand., car. stix, or, wedges, pean, but, cookie. WED: juice, frank, on but, roll, but, corn, ap. sauce cake w/top. THURS: mac, w/meat & tom, sauce, but, green bns., cheese wedge, b&b, peach. FRI: juice, tuna sal, sand, pot, chips, toss, sal, cake sq.

SO. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON: cream, chick, on mash, pot., but, spin, cranb, sauce, but, coff, cake, freshpear. TUES: slop, Joe on hard but, roll, oven fr. pot., but, corn, cherry cake w/top. WED: beef chow mein on but, rice, but, car., pan bisc., cit, fruit cup. THURS: open turk. sand, w/grav., glaz, sw, pot., toss, sal, ap. sauce. FRI: or, juice, veg, soup, crack, tuna sal, grind., car. stix, pean, but, jumbos.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

MON: juice, slop, Joe on bun, cheese stix, but, gr. bns., ging. br. w/ap. sauce top. TUES: ham, grav. on mash, pot., but, broc., b&b, sl, peach. WED: juice, frank, on but, roll, must. & rel., but, corn, sl, pick., Mary Ann sq. THURS: spag. w/meat & tom, sauce, cab. & car. sal, b&b, pineap, chunks. FRI: juice, pizza w/cheese, hot veg., pean, but, crack., pec, brown, fruit.

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HIGH SCHOOL

MON: or, juice, toast, ham & cheese roll, pot, chips, but, gr. bns., pean, but, sand, gingerbr. w/top. TUES: hamb, grav., mash, pot., frost, spin, b&b, bread pud, w/lem. sauce. WED: or, juice, hamb, on roll, let, & tom, sl, pick, chip, choco, cake w/choco, icing. THURS: oven fried chick, parsley pot., but, peas, cranb, sauce, b&b, jello w/top. FRI: grill, cheese sand., gar, sal, w/spin, grns., pean, but, sand., pean, but, sand., peach shortcake w/top.

MILK SERVED WITH ALL MEALS

FREE HANDBOOK FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS

"A Business of Your Own," a handbook on good business practices, has been distributed to public and private libraries throughout the state by the Women's Bureau, Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development.

Edited and published by the Bureau to help expand economic opportunities for women, the booklet offers future and established business women fundamental advice on how to operate a business efficiently. For the future business woman it helps assess in advance her changes for success in a specific business or service before investing time and money in a project. For the established business woman the guide emphasizes the need for accurate record keeping and an effective community relations campaign. The booklet may be obtained without charge upon request to the Women's Bureau, Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202.

In its opening chapter, "The ABC of Your New Business" analyzes the factors determining success or failure. How to get business, keep and expand it and means of obtaining capital and how much will be needed are discussed in depth.

Adequate experience and substantial managerial skill are most essential to good business operation, the book states. Lack of them accounts for 90% of business failures.

The need for accurate record keeping is emphasized in second chapter "Watch Your Figures." Only through adequate records, the book maintains, can the owner of a business make plans for the future, establish loan limit and analyze reasons for necessary changes.

Subject of the book's final chapter is public relations which it defines as both an art and a business. It's the art of dealing effectively with people and the business of so organizing the details of your work that your best foot is always forward. Aim of any good public relations program is to earn and hold the confidence and good will of the community. "To obtain it," the book advises, "you must demonstrate as much interest in the people of your community as you expect them to show in your business. Your willingness to give time and effort to public-interest causes is not only a civic responsibility but a valuable public relations function."

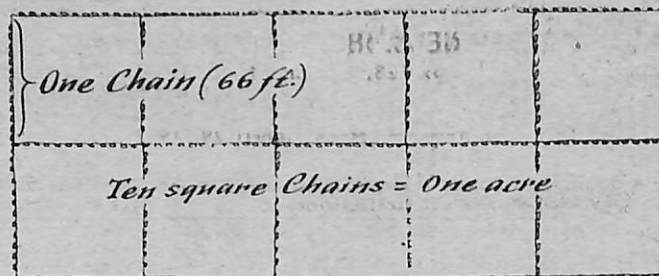
In conclusion, the book cautions, "Be honest with the community - be honest in your statements, your advertising, and keep your promises. Any business to grow and develop must have the confidence of the public. It is only earned by DOING. Always remember that the community you serve is the same community in which your profits are made."

PISANO PROMOTED IN BANK POSITION

Richard E. Pisano and Stephen R. Pannier, two key men at Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank, have been promoted to positions of assistant treasurers with the bank, it was announced today by Bernard H. McMahon, president.

Pisano, who joined Springfield Five Cents Savings Bank in February 1959, is a native of Agawam. A graduate of Agawam schools, he has also completed the American Institute of Banking course in commercial law. He has completed the Savings Bank Life Insurance interviewer's courses given during 1962 and 1963. The following year, Pisano was graduated from the Savings Bank Life Insurance Manager's School.

In 1965, he was promoted to the position of manager of Springfield Five's Savings Bank Life Insurance Department. During that same year he attended the Savings Bank Life Insurance Council's supervisory course at Northeastern University. Last October, he graduated from the Savings Bank Life Insurance Management Program. Pisano is a member of the Springfield Chapter of the American Institute of Banking and the Connecticut In-



IT MAKES YOU THINK

Bet you can't tell me what an acre is. What I mean, is an exact definition. I phoned all the real estate people I knew and they all came up with an "about." In this age of science and exactness, that seems pretty silly doesn't it? Of course, the answer is 43,560 square feet, but you might wonder who dreamed up that strange figure to measure our land by.

Well, it was started by an old fuddy duddy named Edmund Gunter in 1620, who designed a "measuring chain," ten times his height in length. And it is silly indeed that we should continue measuring old Gunter's height all over the place. Gunter was proud of his over six feet height and it was his sixty-six foot chain that established a stupid measurement which we are still stuck with. Eighty chains (80 times 66 is 5280 feet) is a mile. A fourth of a chain (16-1/2 ft.) is a rod. And ten square chains makes up an acre.

The pity of this arrangement is that most of the world works with a measurement based on earth measurements and the decimal system - not someone's personal measurement. And the United States is so rich that although experts admit we must change to the metric system some day, we simply cannot afford to do it! "It would put our nation in turmoil," they declare, "and bankrupt our economy."

So our industry must buy and sell to most of the world, or talk science in a backward tongue. All space mathematics and atomic formulae are recognized as metric proportions, so we have to learn all over again to even discuss the subjects.

Washington was given a large appropriation to decide how America should make the change; but they realized the change would make every nut and bolt, every tool and die, every automobile part and just every part of our complex industry-dependent life, nothing but useless junk. We'd have to start all over again. Drat old Gunter!

I have one idea, though, that might be useful with our old-fashioned measuring system: I think that we should have "museums of concept" all over the country, so children could visualize what is an acre, a mile, a million, a billion, and so on. So they could visualize space. You would have a model of the earth, for example, the size of a basketball and nearly fifty feet away would be the moon (about the size of a grapefruit). A small card would explain that the nearest star would be in Peoria, Illinois, about the size of a twenty-foot balloon. You can't do that sort of truth on a printed page.

We appropriate or give away billions every day, and someone should know what a billion of anything looks like. You could stack pieces of paper the size and shape of dollar bills from the floor to the ceiling of the museum, explaining that a billion stacked dollar bills would extend through the ceiling and into the stratosphere 67 miles. In Gunter's day, that was a heap of money.

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American Legion Auxiliary

By MRS. GLADYS CATCHEPAUGH

PAST DIRECTORS' NIGHT

Mrs. Anna Bissonette represented Unit 185 at the meeting of Hampden County Council on Friday evening at the Post Home of Willimansett Unit. Mrs. Bissonette is County Chairman of Community Service.

Guests of the County Council were Miss Mary E. Julian, Dept. Chaplain, and her guest for the evening, Mrs. Elaine Deofessi.

Quota Units so far for the year were reported as Units #25, #325, #289, #130, and #326. Agawam Unit has a total unit to date of 66, with a quota of 84 to reach.

A report was given on Operating Hearing Aid for which Agawam Unit has already sent in a donation. Agawam's Girls' State reservation and Auxiliary donations are also already in to Department.

The County Director's Banquet will be held on April 29th at the White House Inn. Mrs. Bissonette was appointed chairman of flowers and corsages.

JUNIOR-SAL SMORGASBORD

Mrs. Wilma Gillan, Junior chairman for the Unit and co-chairman of the smorgasbord with Tom Whalen, SAL chairman for the Post, developed pneumonia at the last moment and was unable to continue preparations. President Virginia Catchepaugh stepped in at the last minute and with no previous experience at this type of program arranged a delicious meal that met with everyone's approval. Sickness and many other affairs in the town depleted the attendance, but all who attended enjoyed the evening. Mrs. Catchepaugh wishes to thank those who rose to the occasion to assist her, especially Mrs. Roland Reed and Mrs. Lila Gordon for whom it was a special effort.

AGAWAM AWARDED CERTIFICATE

An honorary certificate for excellence in work for the Christmas Gift Shop was awarded Unit #185 and presented at the County meeting. Mrs. Julia Moore receives our special gratitude for her efforts for this important program.

UNIT MEETING

The next regular meeting of Unit #185 will be held in the Buddy Morrison Lounge on Monday evening, February 6th. Plans need Unit attention and a good attendance is desired.

In spite of illness among our members and their families, a well attended meeting of Unit #185 was held on Monday evening, January 16th, in the Legion Home. About 74% of our quota of membership was reported paid up for 1967 - about the same as this date last year. We are anxious to get in the rest as soon as possible.

Mrs. Trudy Sperry, Auxiliary chairman, turned in a record list of nine Auxiliary subscriptions to this Department paper, and the Unit voted a donation of five dollars toward making its continuation possible. We congratulate Trudy for a job well done. Reservation for our 1967 Girls' State was also sent in to Department following this meeting. We are very proud that our 1966 representative, Miss Holly Gibson, is to be a counselor there this year.

NOTES

As this goes to print, Carol Gillan, Junior Auxiliary member, is improving but still confined to Noble Hospital in Westfield following a bout with pneumonia. Tonight, her mother, Wilma Gillan, Unit secretary, is down with the same ailment in her home, and her husband, George, and one of the children have hard colds. We wish a speedy recovery for all of them.

Also in the hospital tonight is Jimmy LaMountain, who had tonsils and adenoids removed on Tuesday.

Mrs. Belle Russell has been ill in her home with a cold for the past two weeks, and Irene Goss is fighting a case of laryngitis.

The Hampden County Council of the American Legion Auxiliary met in Willimansett Legion Post Home on Friday evening, the 20th. This was Past Directors' Night. Virginia Catchepaugh, Unit president, had planned to attend, but had to substitute for Wilma Gillan at the February Smorg and Dance instead.

AUXILIARY JUNIORS ELECT

At a recent meeting of the Auxiliary Juniors, the following officers were elected for 1967:

President, Janice Crawford; vice-president, Maureen Whalen; secretary-treasurer, Eva Belcher; historian, Susan Gillan; chaplain, Kathie Crawford; sgt.-at-arms, Judy Whalen. The next regular meeting of the Junior organization will be on Sunday, January 29th, at 2 p.m. SAL will elect at that time, and plans for a joint installation to be held in February will be made.

Amateur Auto Thieves

NEW YORK—The Insurance Information Institute reports

that 80 to 85 per cent of all cars stolen are taken by non-professional thieves, mainly juveniles.

CONCERT OPEN TO PUBLIC



John Stewart, Nick Reynolds and Bob Shane, professionally known as the Kingston Trio, will be featured in the annual American International College Winter Carnival Concert, Saturday evening, February 11, in the Springfield Municipal Auditorium. The Trio sold out the vast Auditorium the last time they were there. The February 11 concert is open to the public.

UNICO Supper Committees Are Announced

John Chriscola, chairman of the 5th annual Macaroni Supper, sponsored by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National, announced the following committees for the family style dinner to be held February 16th at the Agawam Junior High School.

Chapter president Gino Rossi, assisted by Francis Capitanio, Joseph Masucci and Frank Chriscola, will serve as hosts for the evening. Co-chairman Albert Christopher has been appointed ticket chairman and will also prepare the Italian sauce, assisted by Joseph DePalo.

Food preparation has been assigned to UNICO chef Joseph DePalo, assisted by John Chriscola and Louis Pedulla. Albert Christopher will prepare the meatballs with co-chairmen Herb Morris and Tony Buoniconti. Serving will be directed by Dom Maiolo, assisted by Santo Cannarella, Jennie Christopher, Ruth Chriscola, Lee DePalo and Mary Capitanio.

Al Malone has again been appointed salad chairman and will be assisted by Paul D'Amato, Joe Ferrari, Vin Spagnoli, Dr. Francis Milici, John Beltrandi, Steve Olivo and Al Alfano.

Table chairman Gus Bartolucci has selected Louis DePalma, Charles DeLiso, Anthony Natale, Walter Balboni, Tom Coppola, Fran Rosso, Joe Cancelliere, and Tony DiDonato to serve on his committee.

Coffee, milk and ice cream will be served by Charles Calabrese, Tom Cascio, Ben DeLiso, John Contrino, Joe Della Guistina and Carm Spagnoli. General kitchen assistance will be directed by Ray Girotti, with Al Bongiovanni, Francis Colli, John Rosati, Dino Piccin, Al Cascella, Ed Gallerani and Vin Caroleo supplying the needed hands.

Automobile parking will be handled by Frank Solitario, Roland Bencivemi, Richard Sardella and Frank Gatti.

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SKI TIPS



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STRAIGHT SNOWPLOW

By Ace Manley
Director, Big Bromley Ski School

The straight snowplow is the skier's first exercise for controlling speed. But it is also the exercise used by most expert skiers for regaining control after attaining too much speed.

It is a good idea to practice the straight snowplow in conjunction with the straight downhill running position.

As the skier moves down the fall line in a running position, he pushes the skies into a "V" or snowplow position: the tips are together and the tails are apart (displaced at equal angles from the body).

The knees and ankles are flexed forward and the weight is equally distributed on both skis. This enables the inside edges of the skis to grip the snow equally as the surface of the skis form right angles to the lower legs.

As the skier moves, his hands are held by the sides and the skis are allowed to slide forward. By pressing the tails of the skis a little further apart and letting the knees come together very slightly, even more control over speed is achieved.

The final movement is allowing the skis to run back together into the straight downhill running position.

Like other exercises, the straight snowplow should be practiced repeatedly before the skier advances to anything more difficult.

Next: "Snowplow Turn"

#6

SNOWPLOW TURN

By Ace Manley
Director, Big Bromley Ski School

After learning how to control speed, the skier is ready to study direction—how to control it and how to change it when he wants to. The natural starting maneuver for this objective is the snowplow turn.

The skier begins in the straight snowplow position in the fall line and transfers his weight toward one ski, which becomes the outside ski of the turn. At the same time, he drops the same outside shoulder of the turn.

The shoulder always moves in the direction opposite the turn. In other words, the left shoulder is dropped for a right turn and the right shoulder dropped for a left turn.

Another way to remember this is: the shoulder is dropped slightly back and over the ski that is pointed in the direction in which the skier wants to turn.

The knee is flexed slightly more forward on this downhill ski, giving a power of direction or turning power to the ski. Nevertheless, the tips of the skis remain in the straight snowplow position. And the body is not twisted in the direction of the turn. The upper body is simply angled over the weighted ski. The hands are held at the side.

When the skier is ready to change direction, he merely rises up slightly, dropping the shoulder back and over the other ski, pointed in the direction of the turn.

Next: "Traverse Running Position"

Chairman Chriscola announced the following menu: homemade meatballs with Italian sauce, ziti macaroni, tossed salad, ice cream, cookies, milk and coffee. It was further noted by Mr. Chriscola that Joe Masucci will supervise the home baked cake and pastry sale, featuring the baked specialties prepared by UNICO members wives. Mrs. Frank Chriscola, Mrs. Charles Calabrese, Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, and Mrs. Santo Cannarella will represent the UNICO wives at the pastry tables. Dinner will be

served continuously from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

The UNICO Macaroni Supper is one of the largest attended events in this area and the UNICO members look forward to seeing you and your family again this year. Your support of this dinner provides funds for the local chapter to utilize in various charitable activities in the town of Agawam. Tickets are available from any member of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO or at the door.

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